

*The XMM-Newton extended survey of the Taurus molecular cloud*

## EDITORIAL

This issue of A&A proudly features 15 articles presenting the first results of the XMM-Newton Extended Survey of the Taurus molecular cloud (XEST), which used the most sensitive combination of X-ray instruments presently available, the European Photon Imaging Cameras (EPIC) and the Reflection Grating Spectrometers (RGS), together with the Optical Monitor (OM) onboard the ESA mission XMM-Newton to study the properties of the young stellar population in the cloud.

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